

renditions of those drawings with the noted changes made therein are being filed concurrently with this application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, immediately below the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

A1 ✓ -- This application is a divisional of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/117,350, filed 6/9/99 July 28, 1998, which corresponds to International Application No. PCT/JP97/00188, filed January 27, 1997. The entire disclosures of the above applications are hereby incorporated by reference. --

✓ Page 2, line 14, change "SiO₂" to --SiO₂--.

✓ Page 3, line 17, change "SiO₂" to --SiO₂--.

✓ Page 16, line 8, change "2 m long" to --20 m long--. - new matter

✓ Page 18, line 22, before "about 120°", insert --higher than--. new matter

✓ Page 38, line 11, change "5 mm" to --0.5 mm--. new matter

✓ Page 45, line 18, change "master" to --mass--.

✓ Page 46, line 19, change "SiO₂" to --SiO₂--.

✓ Page 47, line 7, change "SiO₂" to --SiO₂--.

✓ Page 50, line 10, change "H₂ and O₂ with" to --H₂ and O₂ with--.

✓ Page 57, line 23, change "SiO₂" to --SiO₂--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims, as pending in this divisional application, whether or not these claims are now further amended, are reproduced herein.

✓ Please cancel claims 5-8 and 11-14, without prejudice.